



Wisconsin represented on national food safety committee

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MADISON – The USDA has tapped Dr. Steve Ingham to serve on a national committee that has a strong influence on food safety in America. Ingham, food safety division administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) joins 21 other newly appointed and eight returning members of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF).

“I hope to serve as a bridge between the research and regulatory worlds. Much of my research work involved establishing criteria to ensure that meat processing produced safe products. I look forward to helping further develop criteria for food manufacturing safety,” Ingham says of his goals for his two-year term.

The committee consists of scientists from academia, industry, laboratory testing and research organizations, and federal and state government agencies who are appointed by the USDA Secretary. It is charged with providing impartial scientific advice to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services (HHS) on criteria used to assess the safety and wholesomeness of domestic, imported and exported foods.

Ingham earned his bachelor, master and doctoral degrees from Cornell University. He held faculty posts at Louisiana State University and the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) before joining the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Food Science in 1993. He was most recently appointed to his current DATCP position in 2011.

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